



Camellia Times

Camellia Society of Sacramento

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

STUDIO THEATRE

1028 R STREET

SACRAMENTO, CA

****7:00 PM****

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"A single camellia can be my garden...a single friend, my world."

Leo Buscaglia

As I gaze out my window, the leaves have finally all fallen from the tree in my front yard. The lawn is a bit less green. Many of the plants in my yard that were brilliant with color are looking kind of sad. But, my eye glances to the beautiful shiny green plant just outside my front window. Huge buds just starting to show color at the tips. Oh, there is a lovely red camellia in full bloom. My neighbors across the street have their camellia plants just full of colorful blooms. I am reminded why I love the camellia.

It's Show time! There is a camellia show somewhere in Northern California every weekend until the end of March. So much excitement in the air. Gary has been out in the yard talking nice to his plants, pleading to open in time for the next camellia show. I hope you will plan on coming to our show here in Sacramento February 28th and March 1st at the Memorial Auditorium. It is the largest show in Northern California and so beautiful to see a room filled with beautiful camellia blooms. Even if you have never entered a flower, try it this year. Bring a friend to share the afternoon (and it's free!). Don Lesmeister did a great presentation on how to prepare and transport flowers to the shows. One thing he said was a really important reminder. "Don't judge your flowers in your yard. Bring them to the show and let our camellia judges decide." I catch myself looking at a flower and thinking, "that's not as good as I think it should be", and leaving it home. Bring your flowers, good and not so good, and be a part of the amazing event, our 85th Annual Camellia Show.

I don't understand why cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. – Author Unknown

Happy Valentine's Day to you all!
Carol Schanz, President

Bring a friend to one of our meetings. Share our fun! ☺



FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

We will be having our competitive for trophies mini show! Bring your flowers in to be judged by our membership and see if your favorite camellia makes it to the trophy table! Remember, if you have already won Flower of the Show at any of our NorCal shows, you are ineligible to enter. Mark your calendars!

If you have questions about entering or need entry cards, please call Ron Morrison @ 383-7005,

GET READY, GET SET...SHOW TIME!



85TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO CAMELLIA SOCIETY SHOW



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL SHOW DATES!

Our Camellia Show will be held on Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1st at the Memorial Auditorium on "J" Street between 15th and 16th Streets. We will set up the show on Friday, February 27th. We will try to start around 9:00 a.m. We would really appreciate your coming down for about two hours to help out. We have changed a few things to speed up the process...there will be coffee and non-fattening snacks. If you can't make it in the morning, come down in the afternoon to help with the finishing touches. As always, we will need volunteers to help on Saturday and Sunday at various jobs. Please contact Jackie Randall at 421-2456 for clerking, Leone Wildemann at 422-4128 for Host and Hostesses, Julie Vierra for the Information Table (371-2174), and Joan Lesmeister at 967-8420 for other sign-ups. THANKS! Don Lesmeister.



Check this out!

As a member of the Camellia Society of Sacramento, please consider attending our Camellia Show Luncheon this year. It is being held at the Memorial Auditorium on the opening day of our Show, Saturday, February 28th at 1:30 p.m. The catered luncheon buffet will consist of:



- Champagne Chicken
- Vegetable Lasagna
- Red Potatoes Parmesan
- Caesar Salad
- Waldorf Salad
- Rolls & Butter
- Homemade Cookies and Brownies
- Assorted Beverages.

The luncheon offers you a chance to visit with Camellia growers from other societies, thus expanding your Camellia interest and knowledge. All this good food and fun...for a mere \$20.00 a person! Please join us. Just fill out the form below. You may also just give your check to Bob Logan at the meeting...save a stamp!

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

Name(s) _____

Number of Lunches (at \$20 each) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to: CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO

Send to: BOB LOGAN
500 STILLWATER COURT
LINCOLN, CA 95648

CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO 2008-09 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Position	Name	Phone Number
President	Carol Schanz	447-1969
1 st Vice President	LuAnn Watkins	372-1152
2 nd Vice President	Gary Schanz	447-1969
Recording Secretary	Joan Lesmeister	967-8420
Treasurer	Joanne Logan	434-8618
Corresponding Secretary	Julie Vierra	371-2174
Historian	Helmuth Wildemann	422-4128
Northern CA Council Representative	Don Lesmeister	967-8420

Gary
Says... →

- Last chance to buy camellia plants with paid membership discount till February 27th. After that, full price.
- I still have a few 2009 nomenclature books for sale: \$20. I will have them at the board meeting, Napa Show and our regular meeting.

February Plant Raffle
Door Prize: Magnoliaeflora
Special: Ki-No-Senritsu
Regulars: Baby Pearl, Betty Foy Sanders,
Katie Var., Harold Paige, Hot Stuff
Donations from Don Lesmeister:
Lady Laura, Wildflower & El Dorado

Raffle tickets are, for the Regular raffle: \$1 or 6 for \$5
 Special tickets are: \$2 or 3 for \$5

Winners of the January Plant Sale were:
Door Prize, Adolphe Auduson, Var., won by Joanne Logan;
Special, Toichi Domoto, won by Julie Vierra;
Regulars: Autumn Jewel, won by Joann Sprogis;
Easter Morn, won by Don Lesmeister, who gave it to Bob Alaniz;
Nicky Crisp, won by Julie Vierra, who gave it to Harold Edgar;
Dahlonga, won by Shellie Rae;
Lady Laura, won by Michael Warren;
Little Slam, Var., won by Jim Toland;
Miss Tulare, won by Zac Warren;
DW Davis, Special, won by George Hodsdon.



Congratulations to all the winners!



Highlights of Minutes from the February 3rd Board Meeting, by Joan Lesmeister, Recording Secretary

- Ron & Arlene Morrison hosted the February 3rd board meeting.
- First order of business was the Show meeting, chaired by Don Lesmeister.
- Joan Lesmeister reported we will be having a special raffle at the Show. A Nancy Reagan Boehm Porcelain that was donated by Chick Rambath, will be the main items for this year's raffle. Tickets will be sold at all the Shows this season, with the drawing being held at our April luncheon. Tickets will be \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. Other raffle items include two camellia fabric pillows, an item to be donated by Forever Yours Florist, and items to be solicited by board members.
- Bob Logan reported that twenty judge's responses have come in, fifteen for lunch. Six clerk responses. Both judges and clerks are still needed. Please call Bob Logan (434-8618) or Jackie Randall (421-2456) to sign up! We need 40 accredited judges.
- Jackie Randall, along with Arlene Morrison, are heading up the luncheon at the Memorial Auditorium at 1:30. The food will be catered by Hannibal's. The list of what we will be having and sign-up are included in this newsletter. See above. The Society will pick up any charges over the \$20 per person. Arlene Morrison asked that the menu and sign-up be put in the *Camellia Times*.
- Carol Schanz is planning an opening ceremony for the Show, with city dignitaries. Carol will also be attending a Senate meeting at the capitol.
- The Tabulation Table will be moved out of the way of the Information Table, placing it behind the curtain where LuAnn Watkins and Carol Schanz do the computer printing of the winners.
- Security for the Show has been completed by Bob Logan. We will be using a company recommended by the city of Sacramento.
- All other show chairmen reported plans completed or ongoing and everything on schedule.
- We then started the regular board meeting, chaired by Carol Schanz.
- Carol thanked Ron and Arlene for hosting the meeting.
- Joanne Logan, Treasurer, reported we have \$8,127.18 in our checking account. Approximately \$1700 has been donated to the Rosalie Yee Memorial! We now have a stamp for Joanne so checks will have a stamp with our account number on them as soon as she receives them.
- Buttons are available for sale. Julie Vierra will have them at the February meeting. Call Julie (371-2174) if you need them before the meeting.
- Julie Vierra reported on the membership card samples drawn by Tamara Lopatin, one of River City High School's artists from last year. The board voted on the camellia they

wanted on the card and asked that Tamara make a larger one to frame and put in our raffle for our Show. She does beautiful work!

- A "Presentation Form" will be made out for each speaking engagement and equipment training and instructions for operating the equipment will be provided. It was felt that we need to document how and when we are using the equipment. It has become invaluable to us since purchasing it last year.
- Don Lesmeister will be writing a report of the NCCC Judges symposium for ACS and Southern California newsletters.
- Carol Schanz is researching meeting sites. She is requesting suggestions from the membership. The SMUD room is leading the pack of places that might be available.

Bob Logan, our ACS/ICS Rep, asked to announce that the ACS Convention, the weekend of the Modesto Show, is being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City. Reservations for hotel call: 650-570-5700. The banquet, which all of us are welcome to attend, is Saturday night, March 21st at 6 p.m. Call Bob to sign up: 916-434-8618

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CAMELLIA SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO
MEETING DATES FOR 2008-09**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Program Topic</i>
Monday, February 23 rd , 2009 7:00 p.m.	Society Members as Judges	Camellia Mini-Show
Monday, March 23 rd , 2009 7:00 p.m.	LuAnn Watkins/Julie Vierra Don Lesmeister: Soils/Fertilizers	Review of 2008-09 Camellia Season
Saturday, April 25, 2009 11:00 a.m.	April Luncheon Pheasant Club Don Lesmeister: Summer Care	Silent Auction, Good Friends, & Good Eats!



Don Lesmeister's 5 Minute Programs for 2008-09!
5 minute programs will be presented after each program every month!

The programs for this year will be as follows:

February: Because of the time it takes to do our “Mini” Camellia Show, and the normal wordiness of our speaker, much to your displeasure, there will be no “5 Minute Mile” at this month’s meeting...DON

March: Fertilizers. A discussion on types of fertilizers...both summer and winter.

April: Summer Care. Just a few items to try for the summer.



Camellia Culture, by Don Lesmeister

A few miscellaneous things this month...

First, now that your plants are beginning to bloom real well, sit back, relax and enjoy the blooms...but if you go to the shows, the work, and enjoyment, really begins...go over to your plants again and make sure you have disbudded, particularly plants that have set more buds...do what little pruning needs to be done...and move your plants to the patio or other covered areas to protect the blooms, primarily white ones, from the weather.

This year has been a little strange in that the nights and mornings have been unusually cold, and the days have been unusually warm...as a result, most of the blooms are not as large as normal.

Next, get your grafting material and under stock ready to do your grafting. Remember, the plants in both the southern states and southern California are a little ahead in the growing cycle so if you get scions from these places, get them a little earlier than this area.

If you are going to repot, you had better get started, for it is getting a little late, primarily in transplanting from the ground.

Last, make sure you bring your blooms to our camellia meeting this month...we are having a “Mini” Show...people who have won Best of Show at ANY show are excluded, so your chances are very good...there is NO LIMIT on the amount of blooms you can bring...GOOD LUCK! DON

Upcoming Show Dates – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- February 7, 2009

Napa Camellia Society Show

Napa Senior Center

1500 Jefferson Street, Napa, CA

Open to public 1 p.m.

Contact Nancy McGowan-Russell at 707-545-7546

- February 14-15, 2009 ***San Francisco Peninsula Camellia Society Show***
 Community Activities Building (CAB)
 12500 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA
 Contact Mike Ekberg at 650-380-6065 or
v-miekbe@microsoft.com
- February 28-March 1 ***Camellia Society of Sacramento Show***
 Memorial Auditorium
 1515 J Street, Sacramento, CA
 Contact Don Lesmeister at 916-967-8420 or
jonanddoan@aol.com
 Contact LuAnn Watkins for show results at 372-1152 or
luannwatkins@yahoo.com
- March 7-8, 2009 ***Camellia Society of Santa Clara County Show***
 Community Recreation Center
 969 Kiely Blvd., Santa Clara, CA
 Contact John Mendoza at 408-249-5696 or jmendoza@ci.santa-clara.ca.us
 Contact Kathleen Hall for show results at kshall@aol.com
- March 14, 2009 ***Northern California Camellia Society Show***
 First Baptist Church
 2336 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA
 Contact Don Bergamini at 925-229-0775 or camelliadon@aol.com
 Or Bob Ehrhart at 925-937-0188 or REhrh72822@aol.com
- March 21-22, 2009 ***Camellia Society of Modesto Show***
 Ernest & Julio Gallo Administration Bldg.
 Modesto, CA
 Contact Harlan Smith at 209-537-6625 or gpasmith@netzero.net
- March 28, 2009 ***Atwater Garden Club Show***
 760 Bellevue Road, Atwater, CA
 Contact Harlan Smith at 209-537-6625 or gpasmith@netzero.net
- April 4, 2009 ***Ehrhart Mini Show***
 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, CA
 Contact Don Bergamini at 925-229-0775 or camelliadon@aol.com
 or Bob Ehrhart at 925-937-0188 or REhrh72822@aol.com
- July 18, 2009 Christmas in July at Don & Mary Bergamini's home.

Leone Wildemann is looking for a few good bakers who would like to help out at the meetings each month. Bob Logan has graciously offered to supply the coffee for each meeting. How about calling Leone at 422-4128 if you can help her out. Thanks!



Thanks to Jackie Randall, Joan Lesmeister, Joanne Logan & Arlene Morrison for their delicious snacks in January!

Camellia Society of Sacramento Board meeting Schedule for 2008-09. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. sharp. All members are welcome to attend.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>3-3-09</i>	<i>Ernie & Julie Vierra</i>	<i>1048 Longcroft Street West Sacramento</i>	<i>371-2174</i>
<i>4-7-09</i>	<i>Bob & Joanne Logan</i>	<i>500 Stillwater Street Lincoln</i>	<i>434-8618</i>



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Articles for the Camellia Times are due at the board meeting date, the first Tuesday of every month. Let me know at the meeting if you have new e-mails, have moved, or just have information you would like to share in the newsletter. You can reach me at 916-371-2174 (home) or e-mail at j4sfgiants@sbcglobal.net or work is 916-375-7604 ext. 1101 or e-mail jvierra@wusd.k12.ca.us.

Happy Valentine's Day!

*Julie Vierra
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